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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF

SUSAN I. PRIMMER, M.D. License No. MA04860700

TO PRACTICE MEDICINE AND SURGERY IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Administrative Action

CONSENT ORDER

This matter was opened to the State Board of Medical Examiners ("Board") upon notice from the Food and Drug Administration that it had undertaken an investigation of Susan I. Primmer, M.D., relating to her use of an unapproved drug on her patients. It became known that Dr. Primmer had purchased and administered to two of her patients and herself a Botulinum Toxin which was unapproved for human use. There was no report that any of the patients suffered any harm.

Dr. Primmer cooperated in the Board's investigation by acknowledging her use of the unapproved drug on her patients and

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providing corroborative information. The Board views the doctor's cooperation in the investigation and the change in her practice as mitigating information. Nonetheless, the Board finds that the doctor has engaged in both professional misconduct and gross negligence.

The Board finding the within disposition is adequately protective of the public health, safety and welfare,

IT IS on this <u>3</u> day of <u>March</u> 2010: ORDERED:

- 1. Susan I. Primmer, M.D. is hereby reprimanded for the conduct set forth herein.
- 2. Dr. Primmer shall enroll in and successfully complete a Board-approved medical ethics course, at her own expense, within twelve (12) months of the entry of this Order. Said course must be approved by the Board prior to enrollment and proof of completion of and an unconditional passing grade in said course shall be sent to the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners, P.O. Box 183, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0183 no later than thirty (30) days from receipt of said proof.
- 3. Dr. Primmer shall pay a penalty in the amount of \$10,000.00 upon execution of the within Order.
- 4. Dr. Primmer shall pay investigative costs in the amount of \$444.32 upon execution of the within Order.

- 5. Dr. Primmer shall enroll in and successfully complete eight continuing medical education credits and they shall be approved in advance by the Board (in addition to the regulatory requirement set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:35-6.15).
- 6. Respondent shall comply with the attached "Directives Applicable to Any Medical Board Licensee Who Is Disciplined or Whose Surrender of Licensure Has Been Accepted," which Directives are incorporated herein by reference.

STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

Paul C. Mendelowitz, M.D. Board President

I have read and understand the contents of the within Consent Order and agree to be bound by its terms.

Susan I. Primmer, M.D.

Date: 2/15/2010

Consented to as to form.

Peter L. Korn, Esq.

Counsel for Dr. Primmer

Date: 2/18/10

## NOTICE OF REPORTING PRACTICES OF BOARD REGARDING DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-3(3), all orders of the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners are available for public inspection. Should any inquiry be made concerning the status of a licensee, the inquirer will be informed of the existence of the order and a copy will be provided if requested. All evidentiary hearings, proceedings on motions or other applications which are conducted as public hearings and the record, including the transcript and documents marked in evidence, are available for

Pursuant to 45 CFR Subtitle A 60.8, the Board is obligated to report to the National Practitioners Data Bank any action relating to a physician which is based on reasons relating to professional competence or professional conduct:

- Which revokes or suspends (or otherwise restricts) a license, (1)
- Which censures, reprimands or places on probation, (2) (3)
- Under which a license is surrendered.

Pursuant to 45 CFR Section 61.7, the Board is obligated to report to the Healthcare Integrity and Protection (HIP) Data Bank, any formal or official actions, such as revocation or suspension of a license(and the length of any such suspension), reprimand, censure or probation or any other loss of license or the right to apply for, or renew, a license of the provider, supplier, or practitioner, whether by operation of law, voluntary surrender, non-renewability, or otherwise, or any other negative action or finding by such Federal or State agency that is publicly available information.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A.45:9-19.13, if the Board refuses to issue, suspends, revokes or otherwise places conditions on a license or permit, it is obligated to notify each licensed health care facility and health maintenance organization with which a licensee is affiliated and every other board licensee in this state with whom he or she is directly associated in private medical practice.

In accordance with an agreement with the Federation of State Medical Boards of the United States, a list of all disciplinary orders are provided to that organization on a monthly basis.

Within the month following entry of an order, a summary of the order will appear on the public agenda for the next monthly Board meeting and is forwarded to those members of the public requesting a copy. In addition, the same summary will appear in the minutes of that Board meeting, which are also made

Within the month following entry of an order, a summary of the order will appear in a Monthly Disciplinary Action Listing which is made available to those members of the public requesting a copy.

On a periodic basis the Board disseminates to its licensees a newsletter which includes a brief

From time to time, the Press Office of the Division of Consumer Affairs may issue releases including

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